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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on February 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 248, 2/5/2015; SB 235, 2/5/2015; HB 107, 2/5/2015

HEARING ON SB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:07 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 248, Require identification for legislative public comment.

Sen. Whitford and Sen. Kary joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:09 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

00:04:33 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

00:06:35 Sen. Malek
00:06:51 Sen. Brenden
00:06:57 Sen. Malek
00:07:34 Sen. Brenden
00:09:04 Chair Brown
00:09:20 Mr. MacDonald, MNA
00:09:56 Chair Brown
00:10:46 Sen. Brenden
00:11:09 Sen. Whitford
00:11:49 Sen. Brenden
00:13:39 Sen. Whitford
00:14:01 Sen. Brenden
00:14:34 Sen. Hinkle
00:15:14 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:25 Sen. Brenden

HEARING ON SB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:26 Sen. Kris Hansen (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 235, Generally revise laws related to the courts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:14 Beth McLaughlin, court administrator, Montana Supreme Court (MSC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:20:31 Adam Anfinson, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:02 Sen. Whitford
00:21:27 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC
00:22:30 Sen. Whitford
00:22:41 Ms. McLaughlin
00:23:29 Chair Brown
00:23:36 Sen. Hansen
00:24:16 Sen. Driscoll
00:24:40 Mr. Anfinson, OBPP
00:26:29 Sen. Driscoll
00:26:50 Mr. Anfinson
00:27:55 Sen. Driscoll
00:28:10 Chair Brown
00:28:26 Mr. Anfinson
00:28:44 Sen. Malek
00:29:05 Ms. McLaughlin
00:33:14 Sen. Malek
00:33:38 Ms. McLaughlin
00:34:26 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:47 Sen. Hansen

HEARING ON HB 107

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:46 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 107, Revise defined contribution plan funding laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:09 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)
00:40:00 Terrence Smith, representing himself
00:40:41 Diane Flamo, MEA-MFT
00:40:59 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:02 Sen. Malek
00:42:27 Rep. Cook
00:43:30 Chair Brown
00:43:41 Rep. Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:01 Rep. Cook
00:45:05 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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